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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-PROLYL-L-M-SARCOLYSYL-L-P-FLUOROPHENYLALANINE AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked up set of the amended claims is attached (ATTACHMENT I).

1. (Amended) A method of producing at least one member of the group consisting of L-prolyl-L-m-sarcolysyl-L-p-fluorophenylalanine, a lower alkyl ester thereof and acid addition salts thereof,

wherein L-p-fluorophenylalanine with a protected carboxyl group is caused to react with L-m-sarcolysine with a protected amino group and an activated carboxy group, L-m-sarcolysyl-L-p-fluorophenylalanine with a protected amino group and with a protected carboxy group being obtained, and subsequently the amino protection group is removed,

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